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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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ReBulet 8/4/65 requesting New York Office to expedite the identification of the $25,000 donor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

You are advised that the donor has been identified as ANNE LABOUISSE FARNSWORTH whose address will be determined. (b)(7)(D) [redacted]

NYO indices negative on FARNSWORTH. Bureau requested to check its indices. Details concerning results of instant investigation and how she was identified as the donor will be contained in subsequent communication.

In view of Bureau's anxiety to identify donor, the above preliminary information is being submitted to the Bureau.

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1 - NY 100-149194 (#41)

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, VIA WASHINGTON, NEWARK

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

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REMYTEL, AUGUST NINE, LAST.

NEWARK AND NEW YORK ADVISE IF WHEREABOUTS OF HARRY WACHTEL AND CLARENCE JONES ARE KNOWN AT THIS TIME. BAYARD RUSTIN HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT SCLC CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM. AGENTS OBSERVED PASSENGERS LEAVING UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE FROM NEWARK TO BIRMINGHAM WHICH ARRIVED SEVEN THIRTY PM AUGUST ELEVEN, LAST. WACHTEL NOT ON THIS FLIGHT AS FAR AS COULD BE DETERMINED. NEW YORK ALSO ADVISE IF HUNTER PITTS O\DELL IS KNOWN TO HAVE DEPARTED NEW YORK FOR THE SCLC CONVENTION.

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1 - Mr. Phillips

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

COMINFIL OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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By return airtel, furnish the Bureau a letterhead memorandum (LHM) including all information developed to date concerning the Annual Convention of the SCLC ending instant date. Such pertinent items should be included as expressions by SCLC leaders, particularly by its head, Martin Luther King, Jr., and particularly concerning U.S. foreign policy; the presence of subversive individuals at the Convention, including characterizations; and major policy decisions reached.

Information which is not immediately available for inclusion in the LHM should follow as promptly as possible by supplemental LHMs.

This matter must be given the most prompt attention possible.

1 - Atlanta (100-5718)

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ReNY teletype of 8/8/65, reporting the results of a conference call which took place between MARTIN LUTHER KING and his advisors.

Enclosed are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting the information in referenced communication. The sources of the information were [redacted] and [redacted] Two copies are enclosed for the information of Atlanta and Birmingham offices.

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Bu 100-438794 New York, New York

August 10, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 8, 1965, that Martin Luther King (President of the SCLC) and some of his advisors, specifically Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington), Harry Wachtel, and Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC), conferred on that date. Their conference, according to the source, was devoted exclusively to the convention of the SCLC, which opens in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 9, 1965, and runs through August 13, 1965. (U)

King, in opening the conference, said the real purpose in conferring with his advisors, was to decide which resolutions would be presented at the convention and which would be most newsworthy. This prompted all to agree that the one dealing with the Viet Nam conflict would be most newsworthy, especially since King is being questioned continously on this issue. In light of (U)

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that conclusion, a lengthy discussion ensued over what strategy should be utilized in order to get the resolution before the convention at the appropriate time. Several suggestions were made, but it was agreed that Rustin should be the individual to handle the questions dealing with Viet Nam. In order to do this, Rustin will work on a statement dealing with the question, write a memorandum on the question, and prepare an open letter to the President, to the Premier of the Soviet Union, and to the heads of all countries involved in the Viet Nam conflict. The letter will be written in the name of King and will state that he writes as a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and as an advocate of non-violence, and as such, urges negotiations to end the conflict. (S)(U)

Rustin, in declaring his position, said the civil rights movement was not ready to speak to the world on Viet Nam, but that King could speak as an individual, thereby getting the impact of the civil rights movement behind him. In that way, Rustin said, the other civil rights leaders could not criticize King for speaking out on the matter. (S)(U)

The letters to the various world leaders should go out on Thursday, Rustin said, but in the case of President Johnson, he should receive a telegram first, followed by the letter. (S)(U)

Following a decision on Viet Nam, King and his advisors then discussed strategic questions dealing with the resolution on civil rights. In that regard, it was agreed that the resolution should be presented on Wednesday night (August 11, 1965) (S)(U

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With regard to the resolution on civil rights, King said he had talked with Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones and had asked them to prepare the resolution but to date, he had not received anything other than a general statement dealing with civil rights. He said he would instruct Walter (Walter Fauntroy, Director of the Washington, D.C. office of the SCLC) to use the remarks made in the statement to prepare the overall resolution. (S)(U)

In concluding their conference, King and his advisors took up the question of the SCLC financial report. In that regard, King said their auditors were working on the report but had not been able to conclude it because they were baffled with the problem as to how they should make known their findings. In explaining, King said the report reflects that for the past ten months, the SCLC received approximately one and one half million dollars, and if they include the months of July and August, 1965, they would report almost two million dollars for the 12 month period. (S) (U)

The same confidential source advised on August 8, 1965, that Wachtel contacted Rustin that night to inform him that he had made reservations for them aboard a Delta Airlines flight which leaves Newark at 7:05 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 1965, and arrives in Birmingham at 7:30 p.m., Central Standard Time. (S) (U)

On August 8, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison had changed his airline reservation from Delta Flight 819, 9:55 a.m., August 9,1965, to Delta Flight 927, leaving Newark Airport at 4:30 p.m., August 9, 1965. This flight, according to the source, arrives in Birmingham, Alabama, at 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time. (S)

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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[redacted] that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (S)(U)

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[redacted] that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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1 - Mr. Phillips

To: SAC, New York (100-149194)

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

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ReNYairtels 8/6,10/65. The former requested a check of Bureau indices concerning Anne Labouisse Farnsworth. The latter requested Bureau advise as to whether an individual case file should be opened concerning Farnsworth who has been identified as a secret donor of over $25,000 to the SCLC.

New York's attention is invited to its files 77-23111, 138-2120 and 161-104 concerning Henry Richardson Labouisse, father of Anne Farnsworth. Additional references to Mrs. Farnsworth are noted in the following communications. New York letter to Bureau and Atlanta 9/18/64 "CIRM; COMINFIL SCLC." Atlanta airtel to Bureau, copies to New York, 6/2/64 "CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters; SCLC, RM." Atlanta letter to the Bureau, copies to New York, 7/30/64 "CIRM; COMINFIL SCLC."

On the basis of information available to date, additional inquiry concerning Farnsworth should be handled in instant caption and a judgement made by the New York Office, after all facts are available, as to whether or not a separate case file should be opened concerning this woman and whether or not investigation concerning her, as an individual, should be pursued.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND NEWARK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON-ENCODED

FROM BIRMINGHAM 122325

COMINFIL, SCLC. IS-C.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE THIS DATE.

DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HARRY WACHTEL. WACHTEL OBSERVED IN LOBBY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM THIS DATE IN COMPANY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND OTHERS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 1P

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REMYTEL THIS DATE.

[redacted] SCLC CONVENTION CLOSED ONE THIRTY PM, AUGUST THIRTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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[redacted] REV. F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, PRESIDENT OF ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, A PRO-INTEGRATION ORGANIZATION, MAY LEAD SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE INTO WOODROW WILSON PARK AND CONDUCT A PRAYER VIGIL IMMEDIATELY AT CONCLUSION OF SCLC MASS MEETING TONIGHT. MASS MEETING BEGINS AT EIGHT P.M., CST, IN CITY AUDITORIUM WHICH IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM WOODROW WILSON PARK. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HE GAVE APPROVAL. PLANS NOT FINAL AS YET.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ALERTED. MASS MEETING SHOULD ADJOURN APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM, CST.

AGENTS COVERING MEETING AND PROPOSED VIGIL.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/13/65

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-33121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN PROPOSED SCLC PROGRAM
FOR HARLEM
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: New York)

Remyairtel to Bureau 7/13/65.

Further contact with logical informants and sources in the Detroit, Michigan, area has developed no information concerning captioned incident.

No data has been received from other Bureau offices regarding possible travel of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. to the Detroit area and/or any proposed demonstration at Detroit by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Since considerable time has now elapsed since the indicated starting date for these possible demonstrations, namely July 15, 1965, this matter is being closed in the Detroit Division.

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REMYTEL AUGUST ELEVEN, LAST.

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THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR STREET MARCHES OF ANY KIND ON AUGUST ELEVEN LAST, AS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. ANDREW YOUNG, OFFICIAL OF THE SCLC, SUGGESTED THAT NOT ENOUGH PREPARATION HAD BEEN MADE AND ALSO THAT TIME REQUIRED TO FORMULATE A MARCH SHOULD BE SPENT ON WORKSHOPS, ETC. AS A RESULT OF YOUNG'S REMARKS, THE ANTICIPATED MARCH TO THE CITY HALL WAS NOT HELD. OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE SCLC FOR AUGUST ELEVEN, LAST, CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS OR DIFFICULTY OF ANY KIND.

A MARCH TO THE CITY HALL AT BIRMINGHAM IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR INSTANT DATE, AUGUST TWELVE, AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM. CS

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND ATLANTA (100-5718)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P) 3P

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), IS-C.

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REVEREND
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT [redacted] b1
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE, WITH SOME FIFTEEN
MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. HE HELD SHORT NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE
STATED HE IS NOT IN BIRMINGHAM TO CONDUCT DEMONSTRATIONS BUT THAT
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
ALABAMA IS LOGICAL PLACE FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION SCLC, INASMUCH AS
IMPETUS FOR VOTING RIGHTS BILL ORIGINATED IN ALABAMA. KING PROCEEDED
TO THOMAS JEFFERSON HOTEL WHERE HE HAS RESERVATION ON TWELFTH FLOOR.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8-9-65

Attached relates to Annual Convention of Southern Christian Leadership Conference being held in Birmingham 8/9-13/65. Information concerning demonstrations planned is being furnished to the Civil Rights Division.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115 2P

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REMYTEL AUGUST TEN LAST.

[redacted]

THE EVENING PROGRAM OF THE SCLC CONVENTION FOR AUGUST TEN WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY OR INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND. DR. MORDICA JOHNSON WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK DID NOT APPEAR AT THE CONVENTION ALLEGEDLY DUE TO THE ILLNESS OF HIS WIFE. DR. L.D. REDDICK WAS PRESENT AND INTRODUCED UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR S. O. ADEBO FROM NIGERIA WHO MADE THE PRINCIPAL SPEECH. ADEBDO SPOKE ON THE "BLACK REVOLUTION". HE SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE BLACK REVOLUTION WAS TO WIN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET. HE SPOKE AGAINST THE BLACK MUSLIM ORGANIZATION, STATING THAT HE AGREED WITH ONLY ONE THEORY OF THE BLACK MUSLIM GROUP AND THAT IS SELF-IMPROVEMENT OF THE NEGRO. TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS WERE READ FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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HUMPHREY, U. S. SENATORS ROBERT KENNEDY, JACOB JAVITS OF NEW YORK, AND GOV. VOLPE OF MASSACHUSETTS. THIS MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM, SCENE OF THE BOMBING ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. THE MEETING ADJOURNED APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN P.M. ESTIMATED THIRTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS RECEIVED WHEN THE COLLECTION WAS TAKEN, AND MR. FNU WOOD FROM BOSTON, MASS., GAVE A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK.

A MARCH TO THE CITY HALL IS PLANNED FOR TODAY, AUGUST ELEVEN, ABOUT ONE P.M. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MORE PEOPLE FROM THE SCLC WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARCH THAN PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH OF AUGUST TEN. NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER DR. MARTIN L. KING WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

COMINFIL, SCLC, IS-C.

& SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FBI AGENT, BIRMINGHAM, OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING: AT ABOUT TWELVE THIRTY PM THIS DATE, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN ATTENDING A PRAYER SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, SIXTH AVENUE AND FIFTEENTH STREET, NORTH, LEFT THE CHURCH AND FORMED A LINE. THIS GROUP, COMPOSED MOSTLY OF NEGROES, WAS LED BY REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, REVEREND E. G. GARDNER, AND REVEREND CALVIN WALLACE WOODS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE GROUP MARCHED TO THE CITY HALL IN BIRMINGHAM WHICH WAS ABOUT EIGHT BLOCKS FROM THE STARTING PLACE AND KNELT DOWN IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL FOR PRAYER. SEVERAL PLACARDS WERE OBSERVED IN THE GROUP WHICH READ "NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION", "CITY HALL IS UNGODLY", "WHAT IS WRONG IN CITY HALL?" AND "EMPLOY NEGRO POLICEMEN AND CLERKS." AFTER THE PRAYER THE GROUP MARCHED THROUGH WOODROW WILSON PARK AND TO THE STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE WHERE SONGS WERE SUNG AND REVEREND SHUTTLESWOETH SPOKE BRIEFLY. AFTER THIS, THE ENTIRE GROUP MARCHED BACK TO THE ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH

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AND DISPERSED. THERE WAS NO TROUBLE OF ANY KIND OBSERVED BEFORE, DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MARCH. [redacted] (b)(6)

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LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8-10-65

The annual convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is being held in Birmingham, Alabama, at this time. Shuttlesworth has called for protest demonstrations in Birmingham demanding employment of Negro policemen and other city employees

Attached information is being furnished to Civil Rights Division.

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Attachment

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
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(OO: Atlanta)

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FBI BIRMGHAM

12 47 AM CST URGENT 8-13-65 DLR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, COMMUNIST INFILTRATION, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ~~COMINFIL, SCLC, IS-C~~ LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ~~SCLC~~, MASS MEETING HELD AT CITY AUDITORIUM TONIGHT [redacted] WITHOUT INCIDENT. [redacted] ESTIMATED THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED IN ATTENDENCE AND ABOUT SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS COLLECTION WAS TAKEN. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MADE SHORT SPEECH AT END OF MEETING. HE WAS FORCED TO CUT SPEECH SHORT DUE TO LATENESS OF HOUR AS PEOPLE BEGAN WALKING OUT. THE ONLY TOPIC HE DISCUSSED WAS THE WAR IN VIET NAM. HE SAID U. S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NEGOTIATE A PEACE; THAT WAR IS EVIL. KING SAID HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO LEAVE THE WAR TO EXPERTS BUT HE IS NOT GOING TO FOLLOW THIS ADVICE. HE MENTIONED THE BAY OF PIGS AND HOW TWO CURRENT BOOKS ON LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY STATE THAT KENNEDY REGRETTED HE DEPENDED SO MUCH ON EXPERTS. KING SAID THAT NEW DIPLOMATIC MACHINERY SHOULD BE CREATED TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE P. M. CST. NO PRAYER VIGIL WAS HELD AND THE CROWD DISPERSED PEACEFULLY.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8-13-65

Attached reports 3500 in attendance at mass meeting of Southern Christian Leadership Conference evening of 8-12-65 in Birmingham, Alabama, at which Martin Luther King spoke.

Department and Military agencies being advised.

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FROM NEW YORK 2 PAGES

O SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COMINFIL SCLC., IS - C. /00-AT/.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL AUGUST TWELVE SIXTY FIVE RE WHEREABOUTS OF HARRY WACHTEL, AND NEW YORK TEL AUGUST TEN SIXTY FIVE RE WACHTEL-S TRAVEL PLANS.

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ON AUGUST ELEVEN SIXTY FIVE AT SEVEN ZERO FIVE PM, SA OF NYO FAILED TO OBSERVE WACHTEL BOARD UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ZERO THREE AT NEWARK AIRPORT, THE FLIGHT ON WHICH HE HAD RESERVATIONS.

SOURCES OF NYO HAVE FURNISHED NO INFO AS TO WACHTEL-S WHEREABOUTS. CLARENCE JONES HAS BEEN ON VACATION, AND [redacted] INDICATED HE WOULD VACATION UNTIL ABOUT AUGUST SIXTEEN SIXTY FIVE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH SOURCES OF NYO THAT HUNTER O-DELL

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PLANS TO ATTEND CONVENTION OR LEAVE NYC. SA [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED AUGUST TVELVE

LEVISON SCHEDULED TO RETURN NYC ON MORNING OF AUGUST TVELVE SIXTY FIVE. (9)

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TO DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 112345

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DR. L. D. REDDICK INTRODUCED AMBASSADOR S. O. ADEBO, OF NIGERIA AT THE EVENING MEETING OF THE SCLC AUGUST 10, LAST.

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[redacted]

ADVISED THAT A NEGRO NAMED LAURENCE D. REDDICK WAS PRESENT AT THE SCLC MEETING AT THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 10. [redacted] ADVISED THAT A REPORTER, DON BROWN, OF THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, TOLD HIM THAT HE TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF REDDICK AND WAS GOING TO WRITE A SHORT STORY FOR THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS.

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[redacted] THAT HE SAW DR. L. D. REDDICK TALKING TO FOUR OR FIVE OFFICIALS OF THE SCLC, INCLUDING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND ANDREW YOUNG. SOURCE SAID THAT DR. REDDICK WAS NAMED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11, WHICH COMMITTEE MET IN ROOM 103, THOMAS JEFFERSON HOTEL. SOURCE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MET WITH THIS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TODAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan DATE: July 6, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

This is in response to the Director's instructions concerning the recent public announcement by Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of captioned group, that he is able to check with FBI Agents concerning prospective employees. The Director noted on the United Press International release (original attached) "Look into this - of course no information of any kind is to be furnished SCLC." The Director also instructed on the memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan 7/1/65 (copy attached) "Let every Division Head and SAC at Washington Field Office be alerted."

ACTION TAKEN:

In response to the Bureau's telephonic inquiry of Special Agent in Charge Ponder, Atlanta, where the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters is located, Ponder advised by teletype 7/3/65 as follows. All Agents in the Atlanta Office handling these matters have been contacted and unanimously declared that they have never furnished any information to a Southern Christian Leadership Conference representative concerning any prospective employees. Ponder is completely satisfied that no information of this type has ever been furnished by Agents of the Atlanta Office. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, Ponder personally warned all employees that in the event any contact is ever made with Abernathy or any representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, they must be most circumspect and postively sure that no information is made available to that organization.

On 7/2/65, we telephonically alerted Special Agent in Charge Purvis of the Washington Field Office in accordance with the Director's instructions. The original of the 7/1/65 memorandum has been given special and urgent routing to all Division Heads for appropriate alert in accordance with the Director's instructions.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Southern Christian Leadership Conference
100-438794

We have considered the possibility of contacting Abernathy and challenging him concerning his claim but it is our considered judgment that neither he nor his lying statement should be dignified by such contact. As the Director noted "Abernathy's as big a liar as King."

The same instruction apply to NAACP & Corp. No information is to be given them either.

SAC [illegible] W70
[illegible] 8/4/65

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF Classification DATE 8/14/78 ES
Amended R/S 4/12/79 24

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 7 copies and for Birmingham and New York 2 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum.

[redacted] referred to in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum, is an SAC contact of the Atlanta Office and voluntarily furnished the information set forth therein to SAC, Atlanta on 8/13/65.

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(1 - 157-257) (RALPH ALBERNATHY)
(1 - 157-656) (JAMES BEVEL)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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[redacted] that on August 12, 1965 he had attended an open meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) convention currently in progress in Birmingham, Alabama. During this meeting a seminar regarding Viet Nam was held. U

Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, arrived late at this meeting and remained in the background throughout the meeting. A prominent role was played by Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Treasurer, SCLC, and JAMES BEVEL, Director of Direct Action, SCLC. U

[redacted] observed BAYARD RUSTIN arrive at this meeting and noted that upon his arrival RUSTIN made inquiry as to the whereabouts of CARL and ANNE BRADEN. [redacted] said he did not observe the BRADENs in attendance at this meeting. U

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[redacted] said that during the seminar on Viet Nam, JAMES BEVEL spoke from the platform and at one point stated in effect "We can stop the bullets in Viet Nam like we got the ballot in Birmingham. No longer can we allow the government to persuade young Americans that they are being noble by going to various places in the world and committing mass murder." BEVEL also commented that the Pope was going to visit the United Nations and

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would make a lot of "noise." He declared, however, the Pope would be visiting the wrong place and said the Pope did not know where the pulpit actually is. U

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[redacted] advised that at this SCLC meeting he noted little mention of integration or the civil rights program. He said these two items appeared only to be mentioned as a reminder of what Negroes can accomplish. He said that from his attendance at this SCLC meeting he had formed the personal opinion that SCLC representatives evidenced a more militant attitude than he observed during racial difficulties in the Selma, Alabama area during the early part of 1965. U

BAYARD RUSTIN

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The 'Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist Publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. (U)

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Confidential Source Two advised on February 19 and 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates, and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (X) (U)

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

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"The New York Times," Monday, August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on Saturday night, August 22, 1964. (U)

CARL and ANNE BRADEN

Mrs. ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, in testifying on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Criminal Court, in a state sedition prosecution against CARL JAMES BRADEN, identified BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to shortly prior to the time of her testimony. (U)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Courier - Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 3, 1959, reported that CARL BRADEN had been sentenced to one year in prison on a charge of contempt of Congress on February 2, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia. The story noted that he had been convicted under this charge on January 21, 1959, and that the charge arose from his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. U

The Louisville Times, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 27, 1961, reported that the United States Supreme Court had, on that date, affirmed the contempt of Congress conviction of BRADEN. U

The Courier - Journal on May 2, 1961, reported that CARL BRADEN had surrendered to the United States Marshal at Atlanta, Georgia, on May 1, 1961, to begin serving a one-year prison sentence for contempt of Congress. U

The Courier - Journal, on February 2, 1962, reported that CARL BRADEN had been released from the Federal Prison Camp at Allenwood, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1962. BRADEN indicated that he would return to his home, Louisville, Kentucky. U

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[redacted] that CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, continue to reside at 4403 Virginia Avenue and are still employed as Field Secretaries for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

A characterization of SCEF is attached hereto.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
August 13, 1965

FD 323

Title	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below), whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau and Atlanta, dated 8-10-65. U

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This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies. SI-118 U b1

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Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
August 10, 1965

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., arrived at the Birmingham airport approximately 11:15 a.m., August 9, 1965, with 15 members of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff. He held a short news conference in which he stated he is not in Birmingham to conduct demonstrations, but that Alabama is a logical place for the annual SCLC Convention, inasmuch as impetus for voting rights bill originated in Alabama. King proceeded to the Thomas Jefferson Hotel where he has a reservation on the twelfth floor. U

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
August 10, 1965

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNISM

Reference: Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated August 10, 1965.

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8/18/65

1 - Mr. Phillips

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-115) PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBuairtel 8/13/65 which instructed that you furnish the Bureau, by return airtel, a letterhead memorandum (LHM) including all information developed to date concerning the Annual Convention of the SCLC which ended 8/13/65. Specific items desired were outlined and instructions issued for your submission of supplemental LHMs.

By return airtel without fail, submit material requested. If already submitted, advise date, caption, and type of submitting communication.

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SAC, Atlanta (100-5718) 8/18/65

Director, FBI (100-438794)

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1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Phillips

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum, 8/10/65, which reported a conversation between Juanita Abernathy, wife of the Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Lilian Hunter, secretary to the Treasurer. Hunter related that she has been very concerned over conditions in the SCLC, and is considering leaving. (U)

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The Bureau agrees with your observations and believes that the check indicated should be conducted, bearing in mind the absolute necessity for discreetness. There is no information identifiable with Hunter in Bufiles which is not already known to your office, with one possible exception. Bufile 100-415673 concerns a Lilian Hunter, Negro, born 11/29/08. While it is not likely this individual is identical to the SCLC employee, if she is, advise and the Bureau will furnish additional data. (U)

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Date: 8/13/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Atlanta file 100-5718
Bureau file 100-438794

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
Atlanta file 100-5586
Bureau file 100-106670

Re New York airtel and Letterhead Memorandum captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C" dated 8/10/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8 copies and for Birmingham and New York 2 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum.

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[redacted] referred to in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum is an SAC contact of the Atlanta Office and voluntarily furnished the information set forth therein to SAC, Atlanta on 8/13/65.

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(4) - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - New York (1 - 100-149194) (Enc. 2) (RM)
(1 - 100-136585)
2 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL OF SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) SECRET

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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(OO: NY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Re New York teletype dated 8/14/65, captioned, "COMINFIL SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING", reporting a conversation which took place between STANLEY LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD. The conversation dealt with KING's position on Vietnam. (S)

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information contained in captioned communication; two copies are enclosed for Atlanta and one copy is enclosed for the information of Birmingham. (U)

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The source of the information was [redacted] (S)

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1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
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Bureau 100-438794

New York, New York
August 17, 1965

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FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 6-17-85

Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Internal Security - C

C.P. Member

On August 13, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which disclosed that Stanley Levison and Dora McDonald (Secretary to Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC), were in contact on two occasions on that date. According to the source, McDonald related to Levison that King desired him (Levison) to prepare the answers to twelve questions dealing with Vietnam which were put to him (King) by the "New York Times". McDonald said the "Times" inquiry was precipitated by King's recent statement on Vietnam. (S) U.S.A

The "New York World Telegram and Sun", August 13, 1965, page 2, contained an article captioned, "Dr. King Urges Vietnam Talks". The article notes that King, while addressing the convention of the SCLC (held in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9-13, 1965), urged opposing sides in the Vietnam conflict to negotiate and end the struggle's cycle of "mistrust, violence and war". (U)

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According to the source, Levison furnished to McDonald the answers to the twelve questions which she had given him, and they were as follows: [redacted]

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Internal Security - C

Question: In his statement, King noted several peace organizations had approached him regarding Vietnam. What specific peace groups are they?

Answer: Among others, National SANE, Women Strike for Peace, Student and Faculty Group in Berkeley, California.

Question: What is the text of the letter King is sending to President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh?

Answer: When the text is finalized, a copy will be made available.

Question: How will the letter be sent?

Answer: These details have not been planned as yet.

Question: Should the United States stay in Vietnam if South Vietnamese ask us to leave?

Answer: I believe we would have no moral or juridical basis for remaining if a sovereign government demands that we leave its territory.

Question: Can he be more specific regarding his attitude on escalation of the war?

Answer: Escalation is expressed in so many degrees and is related to escalation on the other side so that I can discuss it only in concrete terms. It is impossible to generalize.

Question: King said he is not blaming either government for the war. Who is to blame?

Answer: There is blame on both sides because each has made responses too readily through means of violence without an earnest search for reduction of violence. I am encouraged by the restraint President Johnson

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has manifested both in action and in words and I believe the exercise of restraint will ultimately lead faster to constructive negotiation than will the flexing of the muscles of military power which the whole world knows we possess in terrifying abundance.

Question: What specific proposals would King have to make?

Answer: I have not formulated specific proposals for ending the war and I am not sure I have competence in that area.

Question: Is King seriously thinking of going to Vietnam and under what circumstances?

Answer: I have no plans to go to Vietnam.

Question: Will King's letter also be sent to the United Nations?

Answer: There are no plans for a letter to the United Nations because it is not a combatant nor an ally of any combatant. This does not imply it has no role. Its role is substantial but different.

Question: Will King contact United States officials regarding his plans, that is, Governors, Senators, Congressmen or Diplomats?

Answer: I have no body of plans which could be the subject of discussions. I am expressing a point of view which will be self explanatory and I sincerely hope useful for those who have the responsibility to make plans.

Question: King states he is following a path of non-violence, but Reverend James Bevel recently made statements indicating he is more militant. Can King reconcile this and is Bevel speaking for the SCLC or as an individual?

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Answer: The emphasis James Bevel places on peace activity in relation to civil rights activity differs from mine because I am not presently proposing any change in the direction or the character of our civil rights work. He has the right to express his analysis and has done so.

Question: Reverend Bevel stated the civil rights movement is legislated out of business. Will King comment on this?

Answer: I do not agree with James Bevel's view that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of existence. We still have so far to go I cannot see the end of the road even now. I see the need for a multiplicity of additional legislative reforms which will take years of struggle fully to achieve.

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It is noted that James Bevel is Field Secretary of the SCLC.

SAC, Birmingham (157-115) 8/20/65

Director, FBI (100-438794)

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
(Field Supervision)
1 - Mr. Phillips)

COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 8/17/65, the Bureau received two airtels and accompanying letterhead memoranda from your office dated 8/12/65.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
August 12, 1965

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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The evening program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference convention for August 10, 1965, was completed without any difficulty or incidents of any kind. Dr. Mordica Johnson, who was scheduled to speak, did not appear at the convention, allegedly due to the illness of his wife. Dr. L. D. Reddick was present and introduced United Nations Ambassador S. O. Adebo from Nigeria, who made the principle speech. Adebo spoke on "The Black Revolution." He said that the purpose of the black revolution was to win fundamental human rights for all people on this planet. He spoke against the Black Muslim organization, stating that he agreed with only one theory of the Black Muslim group and that is self-improvement of the Negro. Telegrams of congratulations were read from President Johnson, Vice President Humphrey, U. S. Senators Robert Kennedy, Jacob Javits of New York, and Governor Volpe of Massachusetts. This meeting was held at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, scene of the bombing on September 15, 1963. The meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 PM. An estimated $3,500.00 was received when the collection was taken, and Mr. (first name unknown) Wood from Boston, Massachusetts, gave a $1,000.00 check.

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Birmingham, Alabama
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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
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An FBI Agent of the Birmingham Office observed the following events on August 10, 1965:

At about 12:30 p.m., August 10, 1965, approximately 150 individuals who had been attending a prayer service at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 6th Avenue and 15th Street, North, left the church and formed a line. This group, composed mostly of Negroes, was led by Reverend FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Reverend E. G. GARDNER, and Reverend CALVIN WALLACE WOODS, all members of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

The group marched to the City Hall in Birmingham, which was about eight blocks from the starting place, and knelt down in front of the City Hall for prayer. Several placards were observed in the group which read "No taxation without representation", "City Hall is ungodly", "What is wrong in City Hall?" and "Employ Negro policemen and clerks." After the prayer, the group marched through Woodrow Wilson Park and to the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, where songs were sung and Reverend SHUTTLESWORTH spoke briefly. After this, the entire group marched back to the St. Paul's Methodist Church and dispersed. There was no trouble of any kind observed before, during, or immediately after the march.

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The BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD for Wednesday, August 11, 1965, printed an article on page 4 entitled "Marchers Demand Negro Policemen." This article said that approximately 325

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white and Negro demonstrators, some of whom were delegates to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Convention, marched through Birmingham streets to protest the lack of Negro policemen in the city. This article also said that a delegation from the group met with RAY MULLINS, County Personnel Director, and promised that there would be more demonstrations until Negro policemen are hired. Rev. CALVIN WOODS, a member of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, was quoted as saying, "We definitely plan to have more demonstrations, perhaps as soon as Wednesday or Thursday." The Rev. EDWARD GARDNER, Rev. N. H. WOODS, and Rev. CALVIN W. WOODS were the three representatives from the demonstrators who met with the Jefferson County Personnel Board Chairman, Mr. RAY MULLINS.

The article stated that Mr. MULLINS talked with the three Negroes for about one-half hour and allowed the press to be present at the meeting. Mr. MULLINS reviewed the cases of Negroes who had attempted to qualify to become policemen. He said 90 had taken the test and only 11 had passed. Of those 11, only 4 were finally certified to become officers. The others who passed failed to meet physical and character requirements, he said. MULLINS said "that two of the four who were certified withdrew their names and the other two were removed 'for some other reason'". According to this article, Mr. MULLINS said he did not know the exact reasons the other two were not appointed but said that people who were certified had to appear within three days after notice of certification or they would be dropped. "This could have been one of the reasons," Mr. MULLINS was quoted as saying. Mr. MULLINS also said that anyone who takes the test can compare it with the answer sheet. "In fact, we encourage it," MULLINS stated. MULLINS charged that many of the Negroes who took the test "have been forced by your leaders to come here and they deliberately failed the test because they do not want the job." Rev. WOODS said that the situation was a moral one and predicted that it will "cause a lot of unrest in Birmingham," he was quoted as saying by the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD article.

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TO DIRECTOR -2- AND BIRMINGHAM

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FROM NEW YORK

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE AUGUST FOURTEEN , SIXTYFIVE CAPTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND RACIAL SITUATION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RM.

ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, [redacted] /SOURCE TO BE CLASSIFIED SECRET/ ADVISED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN CONTACTED ROY WILKINS OF NAACP AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS A. PHILIP RANDOLPH TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH CONFERENCE. WILKINS SAID HE HAD OTHER PLANS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH. BAYARD SUGGESTED WILKINS BE IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THEM KNOW. WILKINS SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO TAKE PART IN A CONFERENCE WITH RANDOLPH AS CHAIRMAN. WILKINS SAID YOU COULD NOT HAVE WHITNEY YOUNG, HIMSELF, JAMES FARMER OR MARTIN LUTHER KING AS CHAIRMAN AND RUSTIN AGREED.

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RANDOLPH , SAID WILKINS, IS RIGHT MAN. RUSTIN SAID HE WILL CONTACT RANDOLPH AS HE HAS TO LET THEM KNOW ON MONDAY/AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE/. RUSTIN AND WILKINS AGREE THAT WHITNEY YOUNG WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND RANDOLPH AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A RECOMMENDATION. RUSTIN THEN TOLD WILKINS THAT A NUMBER OF BAPTIST MINISTERS WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING LOS ANGELES/RIOTS/ ARE PUTTING ALL KINDS OF PRESSURE ON MARTIN KING TO COME TO LOS ANGELES, RUSTIN SAID KING IS GOING TO PUERTO RICO BUT HAS TICKETS FOR GOING TO LOS ANGELES ON HIS WAY BACK. RUSTIN SAID KING WILL DO NOTHING BUT CREATE MORE CONFUSION AND EMBARASS HIMSELF AND WILKINS AGREED. WILKINS SAID IF KING DID NOT GO TO LOS ANGELES, HE WOULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS AN AMISARY SENT TO QUIET THEM. WILKINS SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO GO TO LOS ANGELES AT THE MOMENT. WILKINS FELT A STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED AFTER THE RIOTING IS OVER. (X)(U)

RUSTIN THEN SAID HE WILL TELL KING THAT HE FELT HE HAS TALKED WITH RANDOLPH, TOM KILGORE, JOHN MORSELL /PH/ AND WILKINS AND THAT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW HE SHOULD MAKE NO MOVE TOWARD GOING TO LOS ANGELES AND ALSO THAT WILKINS IS CONSIDERING DRAWING UP A STATEMENT SIGNED BY ALL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS WHEN IT IS FELT IT WILL BE MOST USEFUL. (X)(U)

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RUSTIN SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED TO MAX SCHACTMAN . RUSTIN RELATES THAT HE CONVINCED RANDOLPH TO HONORARY CHAIRMAN AT A WHITEHOUSE CONFERENCE AND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD LET HE, RUSTIN, "STAND IN" FOR RANDOLPH IN ALL PLANNING. RUSTIN SAYS RANDOLPH WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE RELUCTANTLY WOULD TAKE IT /THE CHAIRMANSHIP/. BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM DO ALL THE WORK. RANDOLPH WAS ABOUT TO MENTION RUSTIN AND LEE WHITE, PRESIDENTIAL AID TURNED TO THE PRESIDENT AND SAID MR. PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I FEEL THAT OF THE THIRTY PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE THE ONLY PERSON WHO REALLY MADE A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE WAS A MR. RUSTIN. RUSTIN SAID THEN PRESIDENT SAID" OH THAT IS THE MAN WHO LEAD THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON." AND WHITE SAID ,"MORE IMPORTANT MR. PRESIDENT, HE IS THE MAN WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE "FROM PROTEST TO POLITICS," WHICH I LAID ON YOUR /THE PRESIDENT-S / DESK IN PREPARATION FOR ONE OF YOUR SPEECHES." RUSTIN SAID, HE /THE PRESIDENT/ SAID "YOU KNOW I AM VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT MR. RUSTIN IF MR. RANDOLPH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM." RANDOLPH SAID RUSTIN IS EXACTLY THE PERSON HE WAS GOING TO MNAME. RUSTIN SAID THE REASON HE IS CALLING IS THAT LEE WHITE WANTS RUSTIN RUSTIN TO HAVE ON WHITE-S DESK BY FRIDAY /AUGUST TWENTY, SIXTYFIVE/ A LIST OF PEOPLE I WOULD PROPOSE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO RUN THE CONFERENCE. RUSTIN SAID HE WANTS TO GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT HIS IDEAS. RUSTIN SAID HE WANTS THE CONFERENCE TO DEAL ON A BASIS OF ECONOMICS. RUSTIN SAID

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IS FRIENDLY TO HIM PERSONALLY. SCHACTMANN THEN SAID "I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE, LIKE I HAVE, LEFT BEHIND THE FEELING THAT IF YOU ARE ON TALKING TERMS WITH SOMEONE AMONG THE BOURGEOUISE YOU HAVE BETRAYED THE PROLOTARIOT." RUSTIN SAID "OH DON-T WORRY." RUSTIN THEN IS CRITICAL OF REVEREND BEVEL-S ACTIONS AT A CATHOLIC CONVENTION.

RUSTIN THEN CALLS TOM KAHN, RELATES THE ABOVE AND WANTS TO HAVE A MEETING TUESDAY/AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, SIXTYFIVE SOMEPLACE. RUSTIN SUGGESTS HIS RESIDENCE AND SAYS THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES "WE" HAVE HAD. RUSTIN SAYS THE PEOPLE TO GET FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE NORM HILL, ROCHELLE HOROWITZ/ , TOM KAHN , HIMSELF AND SCHACTMAN. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET IRVING HOWE. RUSTIN SAID HE "WOULDN-T WANT SOME PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT A SOCIOLIST CAUCUS MET ON IT," / THE CONFERENCE/ RUSTIN SAID HE WILL CALL IRVING. LATER HARRY WACHTEL CALLED RUSTIN AND SAID HE WROTE MARTIN/ KING/ A LONG LETTER LAST NIGHT AND TOLD HIM TO GET GOING ON THE GANDHI SOCIETY WHICH IS NOW TAX EXEMPT AND THAT HE WANTS TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM TO DISCUSS HIS, WACHTELL-S ROLE. AS REGARDS LOS ANGELES, WACHTEL SAID HE WAS NOT UNHAPPY BECAUSE THE " POWER STRUCTURE" ACTS AS IF THEY ARE ONLY DEALING WITH KING AND THEY ARE NOT,

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THEY ARE DEALING WITH GUYS WHO ARE EASILY INCITED WHO LIVE IN STINKING CONDITIONS. RUSTIN TELLS WACHTEL ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING. RUTIN THEN SAID HE "PERSUADED KING FROM NOT GOING TO LOS ANGELES." (U)

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cc- Mr. Sullivan

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
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Director, FBI (100-438794)

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ReBHairtel and LHM 8/17/65, copies to Atlanta, which reported activities concerning the Annual Convention of captioned group.

Prior to dissemination at the Bureau, the following changes were made in Paragraph 2, Page 3 of referenced LHM. The sentence,"Wachtel put his arm around Mrs. King's shoulder and kissed her, and then engaged in conversation with Dr. King" was deleted. In its place was entered the sentence, "Wachtel greeted the Kings and then engaged in conversation with Dr. King."

The reason for this change should be apparent and you are advised of this matter for your future guidance.

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[redacted] advised on August 13, 1965, as follows:

The SCLC held a mass meeting at the Birmingham City Auditorium at 8:00 P.M., August 12, 1965, without incident. Approximately 3,500 people were in attendance and about $17,000.00 collection was taken in. Reverend Martin Luther King made a short speech at the end of the meeting. He was forced to cut his speech short due to the lateness of the hour as people began walking out. The only topic he discussed was the war in Viet Nam. He stated the United States Government should negotiate a peace; that war is evil. King said he had been advised to leave the war to experts, but he is not going to follow this advice. He mentioned the Bay of Pigs and two current books concerning the late President Kennedy, stating that Kennedy regretted he depended so much on experts. Reverend King stated that new diplomatic machinery should be created to negotiate a peace.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 P.M., CST. No prayer vigil or night march was held and the crowd dispersed peacefully.

The "Birmingham Post-Herald" for Friday, August 13, 1965, carried a story on page 7 entitled "500 Stage March Here." This article is set out as follows:

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"Approximately 500 whites and Negroes, almost all delegates to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), demonstrated yesterday in protest of alleged unfair hiring practices by the Birmingham-Jefferson County personnel board. U

"The group, which had obtained a parade permit, left the L. R. Hall Building and walked to the City Hall and then to the Courthouse. U

"The demonstrators prayed in front of City Hall and then heard a speech at the Courthouse. U

"After the speech, they sang 'We Shall Overcome,' and then walked back to the L. R. Hall building for some workshops." U

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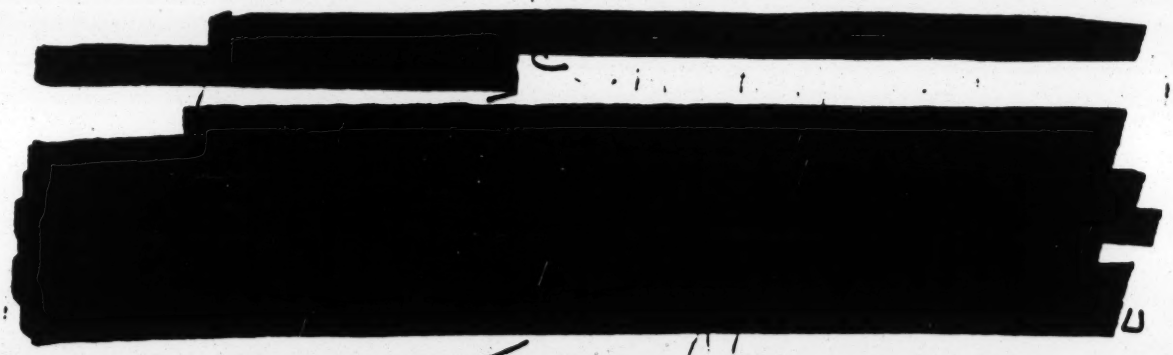

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Reverend Ralph Abernathy stated that the SCLC Board Members are concerned about recovering some $50,000 to $100,000 in bond money which was put up by SCLC in Birmingham in 1963. Rev. Abernathy commented on August 13, 1965, that a man by the name of Stanley Levison, among others, served on a committee during this SCLC convention to check the financial records of SCLC for the past fiscal year. U

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the SCLC, of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

Lawrence Dunbar Reddick is a professor at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland, and currently resides in Baltimore. On September 17, 1943, a confidential source advised she had learned that Dr. Reddick, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 West 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party.

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"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

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Confidential informants of this Bureau who have supplied reliable information in the past have furnished the following information concerning the Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9 through August 13, 1965, and communist influences evident relative to this organization. (U)

On August 11, 1965, Bayard Rustin was presented to attendees at the Convention who were then in meeting. During the early 1940's Rustin was a member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

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On August 11, 1965, Lawrence D. Reddick was one of the speakers at the Convention. Reddick is a former member of the Communist Party, USA. (U)

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The head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King, Jr., was present throughout this Convention. (U)

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